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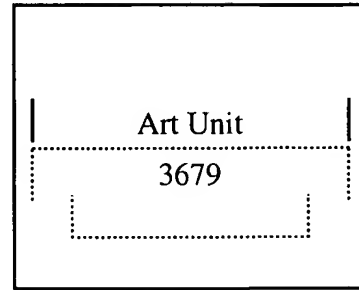
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Claims 1 through 18, excepting claims 11 and 17, remain in the case.

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- 1 1. (amended) A die insert for use in die insert confining grooves in slips for use in
2 pipe string handling apparatus, the die insert comprising.
3 a) said die insert [blank] having a front face with pipe gripping teeth and a
4 generally parallel back face;
5 b) textured relief formed on the surface of the back face, for forming and engaging
6 impressions in [the] an opposing surface of [the] a confining slip, when forced
7 against the opposing surface, to add skid resistance between the die insert and the
8 opposing surface of the slip.



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